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[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 602.]

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REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Henry F. Bowers, report:

That said Bowers was a private of marines, and enlisted on the 23d day of January, 1853, and was discharged by surgeon's certificate on the 20th April, 1855; that his disability was caused by inflammation of the eyes, produced by standing guard whilst on board the receiving ship Union, at the Philadelphia navy yard. Since his discharge, as aforesaid, he has become blind. Surgeon G. R. B. Horner, of the United States navy, certifies to the exposure of Bowers whilst standing guard, and also certifies to the fact that his vision is now permanently impaired by reason of that exposure, and that he is in consequence disabled three-fourths. Surgeon John O. Barclay, of the United States navy, certifies that at the time Bowers entered the service he was a sound, healthy man in every respect. The committee are of opinion that he is entitled to a pension of eight dollars per month, to date from the 25th day of January, 1858. They report a bill.

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That said Bowers was a private of marines, and enlisted on the 23d day of January, 1853, and was discharged by surgeon's certificate on the 30th April, 1853; that his disability was caused by inflammation of the eye, produced by standing guard while on board the receiving ship Union, at the Philadelphia navy yard. Since his discharge, as aforesaid, he has become blind. Surgeon G. R. Hanner, of the United States navy, certifies to the existence of Bowers whilst standing guard, and also certifies to the fact that his vision is now permanently impaired by reason of that exposure, and that he is in consequence disabled therefrom. Surgeon John O. Barclay, of the United States navy, certifies that at the time Bowers enlisted the service he was a sound, healthy man in every respect. The committee are of opinion that he is entitled to a pension of eight dollars per month, to date from the 23d day of January, 1853. They report a bill.